

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has in its private colleges a rich diversity of educational leadership; and,

WHEREAS, Private colleges in South Dakota have been a major educational, social and financial resource from the days of the pioneers; and,

WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of our fathers, South Dakota's independent colleges stand for and preserve high academic standards, freedom and individuality; and,

WHEREAS, The partnership between public and private institutions of higher learning is essential to the advancement of excellence in all aspects of our lives; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Foundation of Private Colleges was founded twenty-five years ago to promote the participation of business and industry in the support and encouragement of our State's private colleges and universities; and,

WHEREAS, The continued success and influence of the independent colleges are essential to the welfare and freedom of all South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1977, as

#### PRIVATE COLLEGE MONTH

in South Dakota, calling upon all citizens to recognize the contribution to our rich heritage made by these fine institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eighth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. PERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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